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SUBJECT: Requirements on Libyan Question

1. I would appreciate guidance on what is desired from the intelligence community on the Libyan question. I understand that the questions revolve around two issues:

- a. What we know and do not know about Libyan terrorist threats in this country,
- b. The implications of various policy options currently under consideration.

2. It is my impression that intelligence community consideration of both of these items would, at present, be redundant. Nearly all evidence of the threat in this country is included in the list of DDO reports contained at the end of the policy paper under consideration. To submit this to community review would, in effect, be engaging in a counter intelligence analysis of these reports. Given knowledge of sources, etc., I would think this would be better done by the DDO itself.

3. If we, at this relatively late date, are to consider the impact of policy alternatives now under consideration, I would like to do so in a way which does not merely duplicate the current NSC deliberations at the analytical level. Perhaps the most useful input the intelligence community could now make would be to analyze in depth the likely reactions to and implications of policies which are adopted.

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